

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of December 18, 2006**

1. **Holiday Hours:** City offices will close at 12:30 pm on Friday, December 22, but the Community Center and computer rooms will be open until 6 pm. The Library will be closed on Friday. On Saturday, December 23, the Library will be open from 10 am to 5 pm, but the Community Center and computer rooms will be closed. On Sunday, December 24 and Monday, December 25, the facilities will be closed. However, the Police Department is always open, 24 hours per day. (*Community & Government Liaison*)
2. **Open Studio Tour and Holiday Art Sale (City-wide):** The Arts and Humanities Commission's first Open Studio Tour and Holiday Art Sale held on Saturday, December 16 was felt to be successful with over 230 folks visiting the Community Center during the event (many for the very first time). Artists showing their work in their home studios indicated that they had an average of 50 people stop in to see their work. The event was well received by both artists and the community. The Commission will be meeting with participants later in January to discuss their interest in participating again next year and to learn more about what changes they might recommend. The event was held in partnership with A Salon Studios. (*Housing and Community Development*)
3. **Library Programs:** Attendance at Library programs has exceeded 500 thus far during December. Highlights have included both English and Spanish Circle Time, Spanish Story Time on Saturdays, Christmas crafts by Karen MacPherson, a Solstice celebration with the Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School, and Reading-To-Dogs. Six classes of 4 grade students have also visited the Library to learn public library research skills with Karen. Tonight Bill Jenkins and the Foggy Bottom Morris Men will help celebrate the Winter Solstice in a special interactive program of music and dance at the Library at 7:00 PM. All are invited to this special family program. The Friends of the Library used book sale, held December 9th., netted more than \$1100. All proceeds benefit the Library. (*Library*)